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THE COMMITTEES.

THE SPEAKER DECIDES ON TWENTY CHAIRMANSHIPS.

SPRINGER GETS ROGER Q. MILLS, PLACE ON THE WAYS AND MEANS.

Silver Dick Bland Gets His Old Place on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

Missouri Honored With Three Chairmanships of Important Committees.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—It is now conceded to be almost a certainty that the speaker will announce the committees of the house to-morrow. The speaker has so far progressed with his work that chairmanships of twenty committees can be given. The list which follows may be changed in one or two instances before noon to-morrow, but this is not considered likely. As at present determined upon, chairmanships will be given as follows: Elections, Charles T. O'Ferrall, Virginia; ways and means, William M. Springer, Illinois; appropriations, William S. Holman, Indiana; judiciary, David B. Culberson, Texas; banking and currency, William Haynes, Ohio; coinage, weights and measures, Richard P. Bland, Missouri; interstate and foreign commerce, R. Q. Mills, Texas; rivers and harbors, Newton C. Blanchard, Louisiana; merchant marine and fisheries, Amos J. Cummings, New York; agriculture, Wm. H. Hatch, Missouri; foreign affairs, James H. Blount, Georgia; military affairs, Joseph Outhwaite, Ohio; naval affairs, H. A. Herbert, Alabama; public lands, Thos. C. McRea, Arkansas; war claims, F. E. Beltzhoover, Pennsylvania; district of Columbia, John J. Hemphill, South Carolina; postoffice and post-roads, John S. Henderson, of North Carolina; Pacific railroads, James B. Reilly, Pennsylvania; Columbian exposition, A. C. Duburow, Illinois; expenditures in post-office department, R. P. C. Wilson, Missouri.

Proceedings in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—In the senate the usual grist of petitions, memorials and private bills were presented this morning. Senator Gibson introduced a bill appropriating ten million dollars to build, extend and repair dykes, and for other improvements on the Mississippi river. House resolution providing for adjournment until January 5, 1892 and for payment of salaries of capitol employees before Christmas were agreed. On motion of Senator Collum, the senate proceeded to consideration of executive business.

Elkins Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The senate in executive session to-day confirmed the nomination of Stephen B. Elkins as secretary of state.

CHRISTIANITY ASSAILED.

Many Copies of a Vile Book Circulated Throughout China.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Advices by steamship City of Pekin state that it has been definitely ascertained that Chon Han, a retired Tao Tai of Changsha, in Hunan, has issued thousands of vile books assailing christianity and scattered them through the province along the river. It is known he had emissaries and sent out 800,000 of these books. The contents are described as too vile for belief. They contain all the worst charges ever made against christianity. They are infinitely more mischievous than former works, because they are not written in the Manderin dialect, but in the vernacular of the people. Yet, although five people in Huangpia are to be punished for selling the books, the author and his friends have not been prosecuted. In fact, they are understood to laugh at any foreign attempt to bring them to justice as the cause of rioting.

Thayer and Shields for the Bench.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—It is pretty generally believed here that Judge Thayer of St. Louis will be promoted to a circuit judgeship, and that George H. Shields will be made a district judge in his place.

A Rival of Pennington.

SALEM, ILL., Dec. 21.—City Marshal Judson Green, of this city, will

soon be a full-fledged rival of Pennington, the air ship man. Green has been working on an air ship for the past year and now thinks he has solved the mystery of air traveling. The model will be completed in a few days, when it will be exhibited to the public. Those who have seen the model think the machine will be a success.

LA GRIPPE IN AUSTRIA.

Three Forms of the Disease Spreading Desolation.

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—La Grippe still puzzles the scientists. The alarming spread of the disease, and the extraordinary mortality attending its ravages, cannot be accounted for apparently, Prof. Nothnagel, the court physician, in a lecture on the peculiar phases of the disease, traced its origin as far back as the ninth century, history showing that it recurs three or four years with varying intensity and then dies out for a period of twenty or more years.

The professor expressed the belief, based on experience, that those who have once had the disease are not proof against subsequent attacks, although less liable no infection.

The learned gentleman knows of no remedy for it, in spite of all assertions to the contrary. The disease still remains a puzzle to the doctors.

There are three kinds of influenza added Prof. Nothnagel, nervous, gastric and catarrhal. There are also two kinds of diseases that follow it—bronchial pneumonia, which is less dangerous than the genuine influenza and pneumonia, which usually attacks the heart.

The Professor was emphatic in warning his hearers against the use of anti-pyrine and anti-febrine. As pneumonial influenza usually affects the cardiac muscle, it is desirable to employ such stimulants as digitalis, wine and cognac, with subcutaneous injections of camphor and, in some cases, baths.

May be Appointed a Commissioner.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 21.—The announcement of the prospective appointment by the President of Hon. Jere C. Cravens of this city, as one of the members of the Board of Interstate Commerce Commissioners is received with much gratification by his host of friends, regardless of party. Major Cravens has been one of the most prominent democrats of the state for years, an able lawyer and jurist, and his appointment would meet with the hearty approval of the entire south-west.

Wrecked at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The steamer West Coast was wrecked off Mendocino on a reef. Ten of the crew in a small boat capsized, one saved, nine drowned. The cruiser San Francisco arrived in harbor from Mare Island this morning ready for sea under sealed orders.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22.—December wheat opened at 90 1/4 c and closed at 90c; January closed at 91c and May at 96 1/4 c. Corn continued to decline and year dropped from 42 1/2 to 41 1/4 c. Oats, pork and lard also showed a decline.

Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—The market closed with spot wheat steady and unchanged, January and February 1/4 d lower, December 1d lower. Corn easy and 1d lower.

Burned at Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Guion line steamship Abyssinia, Murray captain, which sailed from New York on Dec. 13th for Liverpool, was burned. It is reported that all on board were saved.

Walt Whitman Dying.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 22.—Walt Whitman is to-day in a most critical stage and Dr. McAllister says there is no further ground for hope.

Murder and Suicide.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Charity Fox was shot and killed by her husband this morning, who then cut his own throat. Jealousy was the cause.

Traveling sets for gentlemen at Dexter's book store.

For fine old Whisky or Brandy, etc., something good for the holidays call at Peter Pehl's.

See the new album at Dexter's Book Store.

Holcomb sells Toys.

Read all of Dexter's book store notices. They are important.

Building blocks at Dexter's Book Store. Any price.

SANS CEREMONY.

Senate Decays, Leaving President and Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The services to-day over the remains of the late Senator Plumb, which were conducted exclusively by Chaplain Butler, came to an end at 2 o'clock, and then ensued what many people regard as an extraordinary affair. Without any motion to adjourn or take a recess, and without making any provision for the hiatus, which afterwards became decidedly prominent, the senate simply collapsed—walked out—leaving its guests standing. For fully two minutes the president and his official family, the supreme court and diplomatic corps, waited for directions as to the proper style and location of exit, but as none came the distinguished visitors departed in such a manner as individually seemed to them best. How the senate was ever to reassemble when there had been no provision made for its disposition, or for anything else, was too much for any of the old-timers in the galleries.

At 3 o'clock the vice-president returned to the senate chamber.

Senator Allison had just preceded,

and Senator Gibson of Louisville was at his desk attending to some of his correspondence.

"The Senate will be in order," said the vice-president. The two senators arose simultaneously.

Senator Allison looked at Senator Gibson and Senator Gibson gazed at Senator Allison. "I move that the senate adjourn," said Mr. Allison.

"The senator from Iowa moves that the senate do now adjourn," said the vice-president. "All in favor will say aye."

Nobody said a word. Words would have made the situation more ridiculous than it was. So the vice-president declared the senate adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

The vice-president then went home, Senator Allison repaired to his committee room and Senator Gibson went on with his writing.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Louis Bahner and wife to Maggie E. Harris, 70 feet south side of 1/2 off south side of the east four acres of the north seven acres of the west half of the east half of the east half of northwest quarter, southwest quarter, section 9, township 45, range 21, \$300.

Louis Bahner and wife to Maggie E. Harris, east half of the north 330 feet of the east half of the west half of northwest quarter of southeast quarter section 9, township 45, range 21, \$1,600.

J. M. Durrill and wife, by John J. Yeater, trustee, to Edward M. Perkins east half southeast quarter section 32, township 44, range 22, and west half of southwest of east half of southwest quarter section 33, township 44, range 22, \$1,520.

Going to Tipton.

Secretary Levi Chubbuck, Assistant Agriculturist H. J. Waters and Dr. Purinton, all of the state board of agriculture, passed through Sedalia this morning, on their way from Warsaw to Tipton, where they conduct a Farmer's Institute to-day. From there they go to Versailles to-morrow, and to Bunceton, Cooper county, on the following day, for the same purpose. The gentlemen informed a DEMOCRAT reporter that the institutes thus far held have proved popular and entertaining and have been largely attended.

Berry's Funeral.

The funeral of Fireman Thomas Beard, whose death was announced in yesterday's DEMOCRAT, took place at the Christian church at two o'clock this afternoon, under the auspices of the A. O. U. W. and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. There was a large attendance of friends to pay a last tribute of love and tears to the memory of the departed.

Ex-Confederate Association.

The Ex-Confederate Association of Pettis county held its regular annual meeting last night in the probate court room for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were duly and unanimously elected: President, W. S. Baker; vice-president, E. H. Richardson; secretary, Geo. B. Dent; treasurer, T. P. Hoy;

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE;

L. C. Gunn, chairman, E. H. Richardson, S. H. Green, D. M. Williams, S. W. Reavis, Claude Mitchum, John G. Senior.

Capt. R. P. Archer then tendered his resignation as an active member of the association on account of his contemplated removal

to St. Louis. Resolutions regretting the Captain's departure were adopted and will appear in to-morrow's DEMOCRAT.

A REPUBLICAN LEADER.

He Thinks an Extra Session of the Legislature Necessary.

Hon. G. A. Neale, United States attorney for the Western district of Missouri passed through Sedalia this morning enroute from Kansas City to Boonville. Mr. Neale was in the best of health and was free to talk on the political outlook in general. In answer to the question as to whether he thought an extra session of the legislature would be called, he said, "I do not know, of course, what the intentions of Governor Francis are, but looking at the question from the standpoint of a lawyer, I do not see how it is possible for Missouri to retain the vote she is entitled to in the electoral college unless the state is redistricted."

Mr. Neale is one of the brightest

disciples of Blackstone, and his

opinion is certainly of considerable

value. He left on the 10:40 train

for Boonville to try an important case.

Broke the Record.

Recorder Pilkington and Sam Ross broke all recent records to-day in issuing marriage licenses.

The following were made happy:

J. Van Horn and Jennie Nicholson, of Benton county; G. H. Lyons, of Sedalia, and Hattie M. Roark, of Chamois; William Carter and Josie Beaman, of Pettis county; W. T. Wallace and Ida May Smith, of Smithton; Joseph Milo Savage and Mary Jane Price, of Sedalia. Two other applications were made to-day, but the necessary documents have not yet been issued.

A Reconciliation Advised.

The state verses Abel G. Downing was tried before Justice Blair this morning and the defendant fined \$1 and costs. He appealed the case to the criminal court.

Downing and his brother had a

fight about a fence on their farms.

The attorneys for both parties advised that they shake hands and forget the trouble and celebrate the event with a Christmas dinner,

Regents' Meeting.

Judge J. N. Dalby, who is a member of the board of regents of Warrensburg normal school, returned home at noon to-day. This morning he attended a regular monthly business meeting of the board.

The Judge reports the school as in a flourishing condition, with an enrollment of 675 pupils.

Wants a Divorce.

Papers were served on Jacob Sims, of Sedalia, to-day, at the instance of his wife, Mary Simms, who resides in Kansas City, and who not only wants a divorce from Jacob, but also asks that her maiden name, Mary Joiner, be restored to her.

Jail Delivery.

Four prisoners were released from the Pettis county jail to-day: Elbert and Albert Ewell, negro boys who had served twelve days each for larceny; Fred Ashbrook and William Burns, who had been in nine and sixteen days, respectively, for larceny.

On a Hunt.

Constable Bob Ramsey, Charley Hartenbaugh and Brent Smith are down in the Lamine river wilds bagging game. Henry Otter says that they carried several jugs along for the purpose of filling with Lamine water which they will present to their friends.

Letters Testamentary.

Judge Hoy to-day issued letters testamentary to A. B. Thornton, executor of the estate of the late Harry Underwood.

Dr. J. H. Cody, oculist and aurist. Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the eye and ear and the removing of superfluous hair and facial blemishes. Spectacles adjusted. Office 313 Ohio street, Sedalia, Mo.

The Branch Delayed.

Owing to the ditching of a freight car near Myrick this morning the Lexington Branch was detained about four hours, not reaching here until after one o'clock this afternoon.

Enjoyable Dance.

The Queen City Dancing Club gave a very enjoyable dance at Prof. Gregg's parlors last night.

Go to Clay & Heynen's, North Ohio st., for Monuments and Tombstones.

Holiday Goods!

Price Our Goods before you buy. We have the Cheapest goods in Central Missouri and we carry the Books worth 50c for 24c; Books worth 75c for 40c; Books worth 40c for 20c; Comb and Brush sets from 75c up; Manicure sets from 40c up; Albums from 75c up, and everything else in proportion. Don't fail to see our goods and prices.

- WE NEVER CARRY OVER OLD STOCK! -

F. H. EASTEY, 208 Ohio Street.
Toy Department, 313 Ohio Street.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Allen & Co., of Memphis, one of the largest cotton firms in the south, failed yesterday.

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Lamine streets. Telephone 232."I would earnestly advise them for their
good to order this paper to be punctually
served up and to be looked upon as a part of
the tea equipage."—ADDISON.HILL will not be the democratic
presidential nominee but he will
have a great deal to say about who
has the New York delegation.AUDITOR SEIBERT on Monday
drew a warrant for \$143,115 to meet
the semi-annual interest on the state
debt. During the past year Mis-
souri has reduced her indebtedness
\$1,450,000.HAVING lost his own place in the
senate it is rumored that Ingalls
wants the position made vacant by
the death of Senator Plumb.
Wouldn't Ingalls and Peffer make
an elegant pair?A PETRIFIED man has been
found out in Kansas. It is sup-
posed the unfortunate was a repub-
lican candidate in 1890 and that
there are immense deposits of the
same kind located at various points
in that state.NINE democrats out of ten are in
favor of substantial tariff reduction
and free coinage of silver, and it is
difficult to understand how any
smart politician can convince himself
that these questions will not be
issues in the next campaign.There is something wrong in com-
merce when wheat is as cheap as it
is in this country and all Europe is
scare of bread. That wrong is
the system of taxes which hamper
trade and benefit only the favored
classes who are thus "protected."Gov. BOIES will lead the grand
march at a hop given in his honor
by the Jefferson club of Ottumwa
on the 29th inst. Many think he
will also lead the grand march at
the democratic national convention
and at the election next November.THERE will be a lively political
campaign on hand next year, but
that fact need not, and will not,
prevent democrats and republicans
from working shoulder to shoulder
in building up Sedalia's manufac-
turing interests and its trade gener-
ally.One of the directors in the S.,
S., M. & N. railroad writes, in a
private letter to a friend in this
city: "Our railroad is a fixed fact." The
DEMOCRAT is glad to hear the
good news and certainly hopes
every word of it will be found to be
true.THE fact that the Christmas hol-
days are at hand need not interfere
with the organization of a demo-
cratic club. The real patriot is
ready to work for the country's
good at all seasons, and the disse-
mination of democratic doctrine is
certainly a good work.THE commencement of the new
year should witness active work on
the Springfield, Sedalia, Marshall
& Northern railroad. The line is
needed and will develop one of the
finest mineral sections of the state
as well as a finely timbered, well
watered country. If President Bush
is not able to take hold of the enter-
prise and give it his personal atten-
tion, let the directors employ
some competent man who will.
The line is of too much importance
to the section through which it
will pass to suffer another year to
pass without witnessing its comple-
tion.THE morning papers to-day re-
port a long list of failures, includ-
ing five banks in Virginia, one in
Pennsylvania, two large firms in
Memphis, one at San Antonio, oneat Milwaukee and one at Spring-
field. When we remember that these
failures occur after a long series of
exceptionally fine crops when the
country should be remarkably pros-
perous, the conclusion is inevitable
that there must be something
wrong in the business world. The
machine does not work smoothly,
and if it is not the tariff interrupt-
ing our trade with other nations,
what is it?WE do not wonder that Gov-
ernor Francis should hesitate to
call an extra session of the legisla-
ture. Any one who has spent a
winter in Jefferson City, as Gov-
ernor Francis has, may well shrink
from imposing that punishment
upon others. The governor should
remember, however, that every
real patriot is ready to sacrifice
comfort, and if need be life itself,
in his country's service, and that
not even the horror of Jefferson
City climate and Jefferson City
boarding houses will deter the mem-
bers of the general assembly from
doing their sworn duty. None of
the evil and discomfort the mem-
bers will have to endure will be
charged to the governor, but will
properly be set down as the con-
sequence of a great state like Mis-
souri locating its capital in such a
miserable spot.**THE NEW ROAD.****Interest in the North and South
Road Growing Every Day.**The Green Castle Clipper has the
following in regard to the proposed
north and south railroad:Chief Engineer Armstrong has
just returned from Centerville, Iowa,
where he met men of business.
Centerville has signed up the con-
tract to complete the track from
the Iowa line to that city. Has
placed the cash in bank to pay the
expense of survey. They will take
out a charter for the Iowa end of
the B. & N. General Drake, of
Centerville, has gone to have a per-
sonal conference with Russell Sage,
of New York, in regard to the con-
nections with the Iowa Central at
the north. Everything is working
nicely and smoothly. The road
will certainly be built. Towns
along the line that can make ar-
rangements with the chief engineer
to have their place made a point
along the chartered line, had best
be spry and make terms, if within
their power, for if the railroad
leaves them they will be badly left.The charter of course cannot be
changed from what it now is, but
the company has empowered the
chief engineer to enter into written
agreements guaranteeing such towns
that the road will make them a
point on the charter.**Holecomb sells Hanging Lamps.****A COMPLICATED CASE****At Clifton City, in Which Two Men
and a Jack Figure.**

Robert Seals was arraigned before C. B. Neal, Esq., of Clifton City, a week ago, on complaint of William P. Morgan, for obtaining property by means of false and fraudulent representations and statements. Mr. Morgan claims that some time ago he proposed to purchase a jack from Mr. Seals for \$500, payable in two notes, one for \$200 and the other for \$300, both payable one year after date. Mr. Seals agreed that if he could use the notes in Monroe county, he would place them and come back and deliver the jack to Mr. Morgan. When he returned he informed Mr. Morgan that he could not use the notes and notified him that the trade was off. Mr. Morgan asked for the notes, but Mr. Seals told him that he had left them in his desk, in Monroe county, and would get them the first time he went over and would then give them up to Mr. Morgan. Mr. Morgan, not being satisfied with the situation, made an investigation and found that Mr. Seals had hypothecated the notes—one in Howard county and the other in Monroe county. Mr. Morgan then demanded of Mr. Seals to either deliver the jack or the notes. Mr. Seals refused to do either. Mr. Morgan then had him arrested on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses. The case was set for a preliminary hearing before Squire Neal. On account of an absent witness the case was postponed till to-day. While the parties were before Squire Neal on this matter, the sheriff from Monroe county appeared with a warrant for Mr. Morgan, sworn out by a Mr. Utterback, of Monroe county, on precisely the same charge as was preferred against Mr. Seals. Mr. Morgan was very much surprised at being arrested on such a charge, but went with the sheriff.

**James O'Brien, the leading
cigar manufacturer of Central
Missouri.****MILD TEMPERED GHOST.****IT HELD FORTH IN PICTUR-
ESQUE MT. DESERT, N. Y.****HOW IT EXISTS IN A LOCAL
LOVE AFFAIR.****Helen M. Smith, the Village School
Teacher, Tells a Very Stirring
Story of Her Experience With a
Real Live Ghost.**I taught a term of district school in
a small country hamlet near Mount
Desert, two years ago.The house in which I went to board
was one of the most lonesome places
imaginable. A low, rambling farm
dwelling, surrounded by woods, fields
and meadows. No other house was in
sight, and the road in each direction
lost itself in a dense growth of trees.A turn of the road a quarter of a mile
away brought one to the school house,
church, half a dozen dwellings and the
one store of the place.The family with whom I boarded
consisted of Mr. Enoch Blaire, an itiner-
ant preacher, with a fair education,
but an inherited dislike of work; his
wife, Mary, one of the best women I
ever knew, a thorough housewife, with
sound, practical, common sense, a
pure, earnest love of religion, which
she expressed in deeds more often than
words, and their son, Jem, 17 years of
age.One evening, after I had been a
member of the family several weeks,
and the strained relations of school-
man and boarding mistress had worn
away, Mrs. Blaire asked me to bring
my books into the kitchen and sit with
her. Jem had gone to bed with a
toothache and Enoch was at a revival
meeting in the next district. He would
not be home until very late and she
was going to sit up for him.I accepted the invitation gladly, for
the bright, cheerful kitchen was my
delight—it was so spotlessly clean and
homelike, the pleasantest room in the
house. A warm fire added to the
cheerfulness, for the fall nights had
grown chilly.Mrs. Blaire "did up" her dishes,
brushed the floor, strained the milk,
while I looked over the next day's
lessons; then we drew our chairs
nearer the fire for one of the talks I
had grown to enjoy so much.
"What shall we talk about?" said
Mrs. Blaire, as she clicked her knitting
needles. "Religion?"This was her favorite theme, and I
loved to hear her express her Baptist
views of life and death. So I told her
to talk, till at length I looked at the
clock. It marked 11:30."Where can Enoch be?" said Mrs.
Blaire, gathering up her work. "He was
never so late before."She arose, went to the window and
peered out into the darkness, shivered
slightly, came back and threw a few
more sticks on the fire. We sat some
time in silence, watching the sparks
fly out through the hearth of the
cooking stove.The old clock in the corner struck
the hour of 12 with slow, deliberate
strokes.A sudden breeze sprang up and
swung a shutter with a loud clatter.
Then all was fearfully still, when
slowly and distinctly from the dis-
tance came low, musical sound.Nearer and nearer it came, louder
and louder it grew, until the whole
room was filled with the sweet melody.
It was singing, but such singing as I
had never heard before. The words
were unintelligible, but the sentiment
was of joy and happy rejoicing.I sat spellbound until the sweet
sounds faded away as they had come.
I could not tell whether they were
within or without, overhead or under
our feet. The melody was every-
where. It gave me a strange, unex-
plainable feeling of awe. I turned to
look at Mrs. Blaire. Her face was
ashen. The lines about her mouth
were tightly drawn, and the nervoushand that grasped the back of her
chair shook visibly.A feeling that I could not account
for of wishing to shut out the night
prompted me to draw the shades close
over the black windows and come
closer to the warmth and glow of the
fire. All this I observed and did be-
fore I asked:"Did you hear anything, Mrs.
Blaire?""Yes, I heard," murmured Mrs.
Blaire, in scarcely more than a whisper."It couldn't have been Jem," I as-
serted, but to satisfy myself I went to
the stairway and listened. I heard only
the hard, regular breathing of a heavy
sleeper."What was it, Mrs. Blaire?" I asked
again.Mrs. Blaire had resumed her accu-
tomed placid expression and said, with
light, reassuring laugh:"Oh, it was nothing at all. Come,
let us go to bed. We will not sit up
longer for Enoch. I will come in and
sit with you till you go to sleep, if you
want me to."I said I was not in the least afraid.
But I lay awake for a long time, won-
dering over the strange scene. I felt
sure Mrs. Blaire had a story, and I
wanted to hear it.Mrs. Blaire and I were left alone
again the next evening. As we again
drew our chairs up before the crack-
ling fire, my companion said, without
any introduction:

"My dear, I'm going to tell you a

strange story."

I did not speak.

Twenty years ago my only sister,
then a beautiful girl of 18, married.
Just fifteen months after she and her
baby girl were buried in one coffin.
Before my sister died she discovered
that her bosom friend, Lyddy Baker,
had cared for her John and had hoped
to marry him. We all knew
John had never shown Lyddy any
attention, but she tried to make
Sarah think he had—said her life was
wrecked and much of that kind of
talk. Sarah was sick and nervous and
it made her very unhappy, and I have
no doubt that it hastened her death.
John was wrapped up in Sarah; any
one could see that. He was kindness
itself to her. He nearly broke his
heart when she died. Bad as I felt
myself I felt sorrier for him. It's
awful to see a strong man so un-
strung. Every one mourned for Sarah
but Lyddy. It never seemed to me
she cared much.Well, one morning about a year
after Sarah died, John came down to
breakfast looking so haggard and
white that I was frightened. I asked
him what was the matter. He shook his
head, but when we were alone he told
me he could not sleep the night before,
so he got up and lighted his pipe
and sat by the open window smoking.
There was no light in the room, but
the moon had just risen from behind
the hills. He felt a presence near
him, and, turning, saw Sarah in her
grave clothes with the baby in her
arms. She came quite near him and
said:"John, dear, I want you to marry
Lyddy," and then she vanished."Why," said John to me, "I can't
marry Lyddy; I never can marry any
one."That was the beginning of our
trouble. After that there was scarce-
ly a night that we did not have some
manifestation of Sarah's spirit hovering
about us. We all heard strange
sounds, rappings, sad music, or a baby
crying. Neighbors passing the house
late at night would tell of seeing a
light either in the garret or in the
cellar. It was more often in the cellar.
"Once Sarah herself came to me."
Mrs. Blaire paused, and I drew nearer
to her, but I could not speak. She
went on:"It was just after sunset one sum-
mer evening. Our well in the back
yard was low, and I had taken my
basket of fine white clothes down to
the spring in the meadow to rinse
them. You know where the spring is
at—the foot of the slope, near the pine grove? It was a
lovely evening. The sky was bright
with the colors of sunset, but the
pines looked dark and lonesome. I
remember thinking so as I spread the
things on the grass. I had just fin-
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basket when, just as plain as I see you
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Collar and cuff sets at Dexter's Book Store.

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STORIES OF WITCHES.

A PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY GREATLY EXCITED.

TOWNS SAID TO BE UNDER THE "SPELL" OF "HEX."

Voodoo Doctors Who Take Advantage of an Unfortunate Hallucination That Seems to Control Two Towns—Some Queer Illusions.

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GHOST-ROCKED CRADLE.

A Strange Story Told by a Man who Now Believes in Ghosts.

A veritable nest or hot-bed of witches and witchcraft is supposed to exist among the stony hills of Earl and Douglass townships, eight miles east of Reading, Pa. Strange as the statement may look in modern type, belief in this exploded delusion forms to-day as important an element in the life of the humble farmers there as it did in the Salem colony fanatics of the seventeenth century. "Spells," "influence," "magnetism," "witchery" and the "evil eye" seem actually to pursue these people by day and haunt them by night, even exercising a more baneful influence than does voodooinism in the black belt of the Southern States. What is worse, moreover, is the fact that half a dozen "witch doctors" in Reading carry on a nefarious practice among them, and seek to promote their own profit by fostering the strange error and extending it to other neighborhoods. Tragic events have resulted from it within the past three months, and still more serious consequences may be looked for in the near future.

Half a dozen families live within sight of one another in that wild locality. Greshville is the nearest village, two miles away. The houses and farm buildings are uniformly of stone, as are the fences inclosing the fields. Much sickness has prevailed thereabout of late. For miles around persons suffering from various illnesses contend that they have had spells, which ordinary physicians cannot cure, cast upon them by malevolent "hexes," or witches residing near by.

In one of these stone houses live a respectable and estimable couple, a middle-aged farmer and his wife. She is an invalid from an affection of the throat and lungs, and in consequence keeps a handkerchief tied around her head and bound over her mouth to prevent her from catching cold. She is accused of causing much of the sickness and suffering complained of, and her neighbors say the white band over her mouth marks her as a witch.

They point the finger of scorn at her and remark to one another in whispers, "Look out, she's a hex!"

A few days ago a one-year-old child was dying of a mysterious malady and this good lady was blamed for its death. Another child became lame in a curious way and tacks and pins were found inside of its shoe, whereupon the neighbors insisted that the innocent woman had put an evil spell on the child. A sick woman three houses away alleges that she is tortured bodily and mentally every night by this same lady in conjunction with another old lady living a short distance off. The reputed "hex" is even held accountable for the diseases of people whom she never knew. Her aged mother, who died some years ago, was likewise accused of "witchery" in her time, and the calumnies against her are now transferred to her daughter. They are liable to drive the poor lady to self-destruction if they continue.

This unfortunate woman herself, although she energetically disavows all belief in witchcraft and talks ordinarily like an enlightened Christian, yet strangely enough entertains the idea, whimsical if you please, that somebody has maliciously bewitched her pet cow.

"That cow," said she, one day to a reporter, "has behaved ever so queerly of late. She is mysteriously milked every night in the stable, but by what or by whom I don't know. She used to be very gentle, but now she holds her head high in the air, looks wildly out of her eyes and runs and jumps fences like all possessed, like a wild

But unseen visitors were also watching. They provided some mysterious medicine when the babe was too weak to take what the physician had prepared. And so the babe slept on and on, and gained strength, rocked by invisible hands, for more than twenty-four hours. At last he awoke. Not a symptom of pneumonia remained, and he rapidly gained strength. He is now one of the prettiest and most robust babies in Austin, and his father says could fall from shot tower without injury, because the angels have charge concerning him, as the Scripture so beautifully expresses the idea of guardianship.

"Who rocked the child? How was it done? I cannot say, but his paternal grandmother, who fell asleep twenty-five years ago, and whose body lies a thousand miles away, claimed the credit. In response to a verbal request for information as to who was moving the baby cab, in which the child lay, back and forth on the carpet, and rocking it on its springs, she gave satisfactory evidence of her presence. Not only did the buggy move up and down the room when the people were near it, but kept up its motion when the family were in the dining-room, from which this mysterious phenomenon was also watched. To those who witnessed this and noticed the results, the fact that there are ministering spirits was sufficiently well established. I can testify to the truth of what I have described, for I was an interested observer for hours."

WHO ROCKED THE CHILD?

A SAN ANTONIA VISITOR.

A Wild and Blood-Thirsty Coyote Shot in the Streets There.

ROY LEWIS of San Antonio, Tex., killed a wild, blood-thirsty coyote Thursday in the very heart of the city of 40,000 inhabitants. The beast was first seen and fired upon with a shot gun by a gentleman on the west bank of the river. Then it swam across and took refuge in the high weeds on the east bank near Avenue B, between Sixth and Seventh streets. Roy saw it peeping out of the brake as he passed along Avenue B, and he went home for a little target gun. The coyote was still in sight when he returned, and it dropped dead at the second shot. It was a monster coyote, and when skinned looked like a one-year-old calf.

There are more of these tenants of the wilderness along the river bank than any one would think. At a big boarding house on one of the streets near the river, a high, open basement is infested with possums. Skunks find a refuge along the river, and their peculiar ancient rancidness is a common thing on the night air. Not long ago a small alligator was found promenading the splendid block pavement of Losoya street.

A SNAKE IN A BASEBALL GAME.

Two Pond Eddy (N. Y.) clubs were playing a game of baseball, recently, when a batter struck a ball over into left field, and the fielder ran to get it. The ball rolled along through the grass, and when the player who was after it got to where he had seen it stop, he was almost paralyzed to see lying there, instead of the ball, a big rattlesnake, coiled to strike. The player jumped back in time to escape the fangs of the snake, for it struck savagely at him. The player smashed the snake's head with a stone. The ball lay in the snake's coils. It is supposed that the snake was lying asleep in the grass, when the ball rolled along and ran against him. The reptile had instantly coiled around the object and prepared for suspected danger.

THE CITY FATHERS.

They Meet and Deliberate Upon the City's Welfare.

The city council met in regular session last night with acting Mayor Carroll in the chair. Councilmen present: Dugan, Weiman, Lamy, Wigton, Honkomp, Bosselman and Carroll. Councilman Hutchinson was absent.

Proceedings of last meeting read and approved.

The Home Lumber company presented a petition remonstrating against the imperfect manner in which Second street was being paved in front of its property. The work was declared bad and the weather totally unfit for same when the concrete was laid. They will refuse to pay tax bills.

E. G. Church & Co., of Kansas City, the firm who has the contract for paving Fifth, presented a petition asking that they be given further time to complete the work. They had been on the ground eager and willing to do the work, but bad weather had interfered. The company was given until April 1st, 1892, to finish the street.

Carroll stated that the water works had been informed of defective pressure and had remedied same by closing up a number of "dead mains."

An ordinance was ordered drawn for the building of a sidewalk on Main from Washington to Grand avenue on the north side and from Mill street to Grand avenue on the south side.

It was ordered that the property owners be instructed to build a sidewalk on Engineer from Fifth to Sixth streets.

The street commissioner was instructed to notify D. H. Smith to repair the bad sidewalk on the west side of Ohio, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets.

On motion of Mr. Weiman the street commissioner was instructed to see that proper sidewalks are constructed at once on Engineer, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

The East Sedalia engine was said to be in bad condition, and Mr. Bosserman was instructed to make the necessary repairs.

The new sewer in Sewer district No. 7 was accepted and tax bills will be issued in payment.

All persons using the private Main street sewer will be notified at once to connect with the city sewer or suffer arrest for maintaining a nuisance.

The new porch at the sexton's house in the cemetery was reported finished and, on motion of Mr. Lamy, further improvements were ordered in the way of sidewalks, etc.

A number of bills being read and allowed the council adjourned.

JAMES O'BRIEN, the leading cigar manufacturer of Central Missouri.

The Force Too Light.

Street Commissioner Hyatt remarked to a DEMOCRAT reporter yesterday that Sedalia has 300 miles of streets and alleys, and to keep these clean and in repair he is allowed only five men and one team.

All kinds of games at Dexter's book store.

Souvenir albums at all book stores. Dexter agent for Sedalia.

We try to have only polite Clerks. Come see if you do not find them so. Dexter's.

Charity Ball Music.

The popular and famous Sedalia Military band will furnish the music for the charity ball New Year's eve. They will receive \$40 for their services, \$20 of which they propose to donate to the fund. This is exceedingly generous in the band boys.

To Marry and Remove.

Sunday's Post-Dispatch contained the announcement that John B. Jaynes, formerly one of Sedalia's most prominent young men, is soon to be married, and will remove from St. Louis to New York city.

The world will soon be destroyed. So say some people, but do not let that stop you from buying the best coal in town at the lowest price of H. B. Wieman, 1010 East Third street. Telephone 125.

Good Coal at Sweet's, 711 Ohio st., at \$3 a ton.

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We want you to see what we have to sell. Come join the crowd. Dexter's Book Store.

Holcomb sells tricycles.

Bound For White River.

A hunting and trapping party composed of George L. Mason, W. T. Katzer, T. Richart and Wm. O. Butler, from Marshall, Mo., passed through Sedalia this morning, on their way to White River, being taken off by evil spirits. A score of other cases of like character might be mentioned as having developed lately in Earl township alone. When these "witch doctors" are consulted, they shrewdly refrain from mentioning names as to the active personal cause of the alleged magnetism from which the patient suffers, and talk in such way that the patients locate the responsibility to suit themselves.

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THE WEATHER.
Weather for Missouri for twenty-four hours beginning at 8 a. m. today: Fair, colder, Northerly winds, probably fair Wednesday.

POLICE COURT.

W. C. Julian, a "boozy" printer, got \$1 for inhaling the fumes of too much red benzine.

Tom Haley, full of remorse and bad whiskey, was fined \$5 for being drunk and given a stay to get out of town.

"Mug" Lester was charged with disturbing the peace by a dog fight on Sunday afternoon. His sporting tendency was satisfied to the extent of \$10.

Alex Smith appeared for trial charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace. These charges were dismissed, as Deputy Constable Barnett had a warrant against him for felonious assault and took charge of the prisoner.

Cader Mashburn said that he "fixed up a little alcohol, not whiskey, for a 'crick' in his neck and must have taken too much." At any rate, he proceeded to break up all his household effects. He was fined \$6 for being drunk and disturbing the peace.

Lilly O'Bannon withdrew her former plea of not guilty and acknowledged the charge of disturbing the peace and beating her mother. This woman is a bad case of depravity and has made "battle row" notorious by her disturbances. She was fined \$50 and sent to the calaboose to serve out her time.

Go to 204 Ohio street, buy a box of Bouquets from Honkomp & Schmidt's and make your friend a handsome Xmas present.

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Would be a box of High Five cigars at Honkomp & Schmidt's

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See our Goods and compare prices. We are here, our chairs our Parlor Goods are immense. We have only one price to all; no shoddy goods on hand; only one price and best wishes to all; largest line, lowest prices. See them—buy them, for they are going fast. Dave Ramsey, 116 and 1182d st., Undertaker and Embalmer. No ice, and modern methods.

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Elegant hand-painted book marks. Dexter's Book Store.

Taken to the Asylum.

Dr. G. W. McClanahan, of Pilot Grove, passed through Sedalia this morning, having in charge Mrs. G. L. Thomas, of New Lebanon, Cooper county, who was being taken to the Nevada insane asylum. The patient is about fifty-five years old, is the wife of a highly esteemed farmer and is not so badly afflicted but that her friends hope of her recovery.

Holcomb will arrange his auction store Monday so that all can find room to be comfortable.

Dexter's book store is 40 feet longer and packed with goods.

RAILROAD RUMBLE.

The Missouri Pacific shops are at present crowded with work.

J. Waldo and party came in on his private car this morning.

Frank Arrowsmith, boiler inspector at the Pacific shops, is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Robert Blunt is still quite sick with pneumonia at her home on East Fourth street.

"Tug" Wilson, foreman of the Pacific yards, has been side-tracked into and with a la grippe.

Engineer Harry Bolt is suffering from a painful case of erysipelas in his left foot. He is able to be on duty.

Missouri Pacific engine No. 329 and "Katy" engine No. 950 are undergoing thorough and extensive repairs.

Clarence Burton, a well-known young Sedalian, has secured a position in the M. K. & T. general offices and left for Parsons this morning.

Our First Issue.

We advise all our patrons to go to Dave Ramsay for furniture. He has the stock and prices; he sells the goods. See his stock before you buy. His elegant line catches the eye. See him; buy of him. He will save you money. Undertaker and embalmer; no ice used; modern methods; open day and night. 116 & 118 2nd st.

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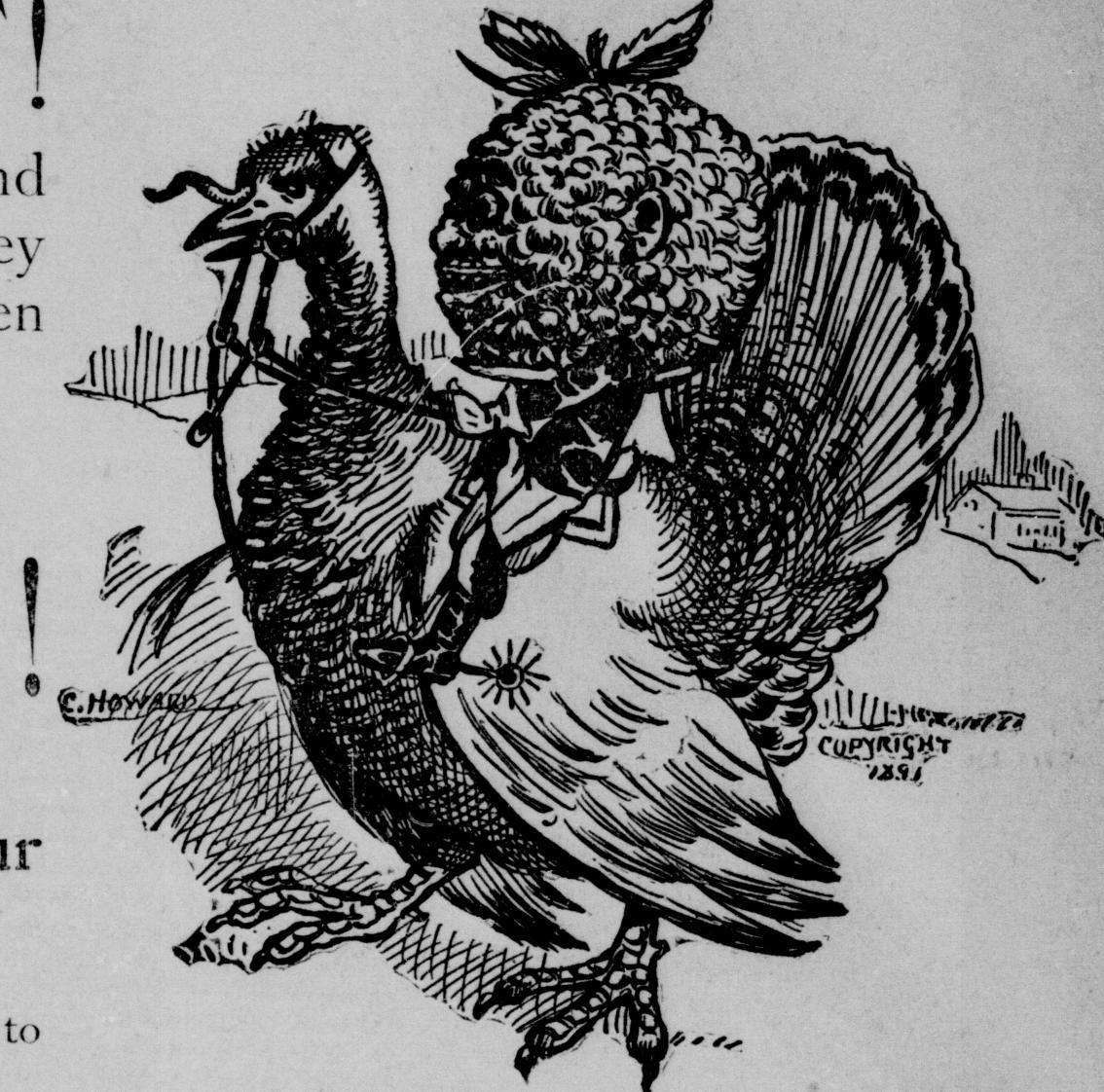
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PERSONALS.

The "Below Zero" company is stopping at Sicher's.

Frank Hardcastle, the well-known commercial tourist, is in the city.

Jack Gibbs, the cigar salesman, returned this morning from a trip north.

Dr. W. J. Ferguson and James Mara returned from St. Louis this morning.

Mrs. Widfield, of this city, left yesterday for St. Louis, where she will spend the holidays.

Dr. E. F. Yancey returned to Otterville last night. His mother is gradually improving.

Mrs. Eddy, widow of the late Col. J. M. Eddy, arrived in Sedalia from Kansas City at noon to-day.

Miss Tressie Nesbit, of Jefferson City, is visiting Mrs. T. H. Hatchet, formerly Miss Jessie Tuthill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Beatty, who had been visiting friends in Sedalia, returned to Parsons this morning.

Harry Goodwin left at noon today for Portland, Callaway county, where he will spend the holidays.

Barney Curran, a member of Fire Company No. 1, is confined to his bed with an attack of pneumonia.

P. G. Walker, a prominent Pleasant Green farmer and stockman, came in from the north this morning.

Miss Carrie Gamble, of Kansas City, a highly cultivated young lady, is the guest of Mrs. Will Powell.

Miss Lizzie Lee Warren left this morning for Windsor where she is conducting a very interesting class in music.

Mesdames Chas. Taylor, J. H. Hill and Will McDonald will depart for Hannibal Monday to visit Mrs. George Dulany.

Miss Addie Phillips, after having had a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parrish, in this city, left for home, Pilot Grove, this morning.

F. B. Meyer, the popular president of the Sedalia Commercial club, has returned from a three weeks' trip to St. Louis and Chicago.

Miss Anna Lyons and her hand-some and accomplished friend, Miss Jennie Smith, of Indianapolis, are back from a pleasant visit in San Antonio.

Mrs. Cornelia Young and Miss Rose Widdicombe, of Boonville, were guests of Mrs. Adam Ittle yes-

terday, and returned home last evening.

G. L. Faulhaber is one of the victims of the terror.

Capt. H. C. Demuth is still knocked out with la grippe.

La Grippe is prevalent in the Queen City of the Prairies.

Justice Milo Blair was ousted from his office Saturday by the epidemic.

Mrs. White, wife of the veterinary surgeon, is among the lady victims.

Dr. A. V. Small and wife and Miss Sue Parberry are confined to their beds with la grippe.

Councilman Bell Hutchinson is said to be battling with the monster and making slow headway.

The ranks of the physicians have been invaded, and Dr. Neal has a considerable touch of it to-day.

Mrs. Thomas Frame, wife of the city editor of the *Bazoo*, has been suffering for several days with the grippe.

Chief Charles Bailey, of Fire Company No. 1, is unable to be at his post on account of the prevailing disease.

Charles Simmons, of Ramsey's undertaking rooms, reports quite a number of cases of la grippe in and about Otterville.

Rev. A. Machett, pastor of the East Sedalia Baptist church, was quite unwell this morning from the effects of la grippe.

The force in the DEMOCRAT composing room was reduced considerably this morning by the little demon with the French name.

The Sedalia Electric Light and Power Company employees have been cut down to one-half their usual number by the strange visitor.

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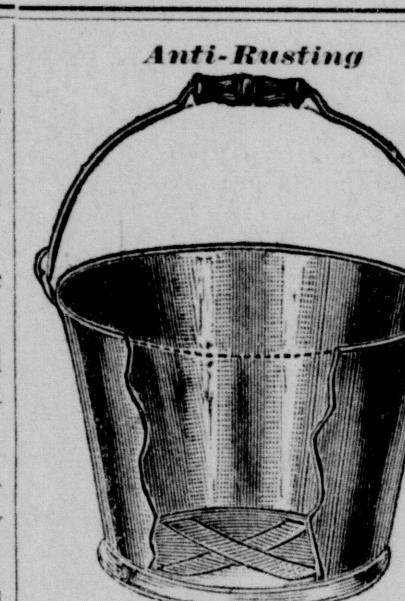
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Of All Kinds, go to

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Liquors and Cigars

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Missouri, Kansas and Texas Ry.

SOUTHBOUND. MAIN LINE. ARRIVE. LEAVE.

No. 1, Texas Express, 5:45 p. m. 6:15 p. m.

No. 3, " 8:55 a. m. 9:15 a. m.

NORTHBOUND. MAIN LINE. ARRIVE. LEAVE.

No. 2, Texas Express, 8:15 a. m. 10:40 a. m.

No. 4, Chicago Exp's, 5:50 p. m. 6:10 p. m.

Sedalia, Warsaw and Southern.

NORTH BOUND. ARRIVES.

No. 200, Accommodation, 9:45 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND. LEAVES.

No. 199, Accommodation, 4:15 p. m.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

MAIN LINE. WESTBOUND. ARRIVE. LEAVE.

No. 1 Day Express, 3:25 p. m. 3:45 p. m.

No. 3 Night Express, 3:15 a. m. 3:25 a. m.

No. 5 Local Pass'g'r, 3:15 p. m. 3:40 p. m.

No. 7 Fast Mail, 7:55 a. m. 8:00 a. m.

No. 9 Texas Express, 4:55 a. m. 5:15 p. m.

No. 7 does not carry passengers.

MAIN LINE. EASTBOUND.

ARRIVE. LEAVE.

No. 2 Day Express, 12:35 p. m. 12:40 p. m.

No. 4 Night Exp's, 11:55 p. m. 12:05 a. m.

No. 6 Local Pass'g'r, 10:40 a. m. 10:45 a. m.

No. 8 Night Exp's, 12:40 a. m. 12:45 a. m.

Lexington Branch. WESTBOUND.

ARRIVE. LEAVE.

No. 193 Colorado Exp's, 10:30 a. m. 10:45 a. m.

No. 191 Local Pass'g'r, 10:30 a. m. 10:45 a. m.

No. 197 Local Freight, 10:30 a. m.

AMUSEMENTS.

WOOD'S OPERA HOUSE.

One Night Only,

Last Evening, December 18,

AGNES WALLACE VILLA,
reat English and American success,
HE WORLD AGAINST HER," sup-
ported by a Good Company.

WOOD'S OPERA HOUSE.

One Night Only,

rday Eve., December 19,

AN MCGINTY'S TROUBLES.
al Dublin Town Solo Band and Or-
a. Grand street parade at noon.

WOOD'S OPERA HOUSE!

One Night Only.

rsday, December 22!

w's Musical Comedy Co.
istic and Highly Successful Three-
Act Comedy, entitled:**LOW ZERO!**
expressed for J. N. Rentfrow by
CHAS. SWEET.**OD'S OPERA HOUSE!**
GAGEMENT EXTRAORDINARY!

Wednesday, December 23.

The Big City Show

**CLEVELAND'S GREAT CON-
PLIMATED MINSTRELS.**
tures 100, 35 Merry Minstrel Mon-
Superb vocal corps of trained
es. Grand orchestra of solo in-
strumentalists. Stagings and cost-
mery the most gorgeous ever
introduced in minstrelsy.**cLaughlin Bros.**

GREAT

urniture :**House!**

13 to 517 OHIO STREET.

**AN ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY****See our line of beautiful****in Easy Chairs, Secreta-****Dians, Pictures, &c.,****Buy something useful****Christmas. New Styles****ed daily.****H THERE!****GO TO****SWALLEY,****205 E. 11th Street.****delivered in 24 hours after****receipt of order.****ENTON EAST SEDALIANS****everywhere my shop from****Engineer to 1110 East Third****St. Call and see me and get****a shave and hair cut.****C. W. Moffitt.****our fine Albums, Sold at****our wholesale price.****Dexter's Book Store.****OUR DAY WEDDINGS.****fall of 1891 has witnessed an****large numbers of wed-****dings inquiry reveals the fact****and some invitations, in****my instance have been****the well known printing****M. Hodges, 119 East****Street. This is the best****house in Sedalia for this****work and prices are about****as much as a class****sets in the cities.****samples Beckenridge****Lockey, Muchier, Breckinridge****Lockey, Muchier, Breckinridge****A GREAT RECORD.****WHAT A SEDALIA INSTITUTION
HAS ACCOMPLISHED.****A Monument to the Judgment and
Enterprise of Sedalia Business
Men as Applied by the Equitable
Association.**

Nothing is more conclusive proof of the growth and prosperity of the Queen City of the Prairies than the substantial and handsome character of the buildings being erected, and no finer specimen of this class of improvements is to be found in the city than the Equitable, just being completed by the Equitable Loan and Investment association.

Associations formed for the purpose of accumulating small monthly savings and investing them in a profitable manner have for some few years past been very popular. At first they were regarded as a fairly convenient means for the poorer working people to secure their own homes, but received very little attention at the hands of capable business men. As they grew in favor and advanced in usefulness, however, the attention of capable financiers was attracted, and they became to be looked upon not only as a wonderful aid to the wage-earning home-builder, but equally as advantageous to the investor, the business man and the public generally.

Several years ago Mr. R. C. Sneed began to study the workings of the system, and saw in it wonderful possibilities. He abandoned a lucrative law-practice, against the advice of friends, and set to work to realize his views of what could be done in the loan and investment field by means of accumulating a large working capital of individually small monthly savings.

The result of his efforts, a little more than four years after the organization of his company, is one of the finest office structures in Sedalia built for the special purpose of accommodating their rapidly increasing and lucrative business.

The Equitable Loan and Investment association is the largest concern of the kind in the state, and has been the most successful. The percentage of losses on bad loans is almost nothing and falls far below the ordinary banking percentage, safe as that usually is, while at the same time foreclosures are very unusual. Liberal but conservative is the policy of the company, and it is building up a strong and constantly increasing patronage both in investments and applications for loans.

The new building erected for the home of this institution has attracted more admiration than any other like enterprise in Sedalia for many a day. It is not only substantial in its every detail, but it is handsome, commodious and convenient. It would be hard to find a building so well lighted. Being on the southeast corner of Fourth and Lamine streets, it has the advantage of a north light and a most excellent location. Lamine is the coming street. The Kaiser and Merchants' hotels, postoffice, opera house, Gold building, Glass building and the Equitable, all important buildings, are now on this thoroughfare, and others are sure to follow.

The Equitable occupies all of the first floor, which is approached from Lamine street through a very handsome marble and oak entrance and which is some five or six feet above the ground, leaving a basement fully equal to an ordinary first floor room. The fixtures of this room are of an elegant, handsome and substantial kind, the counter being of cherry, with ornamental glass and brass screen railing. Two fire-proof vaults with convenient fixtures and burglar-proof safe, are provided. The lower vault is for the ordinary use of the association, while the upper vault, approached by an ornamental iron stairway, gives ample storage for books and documents which it is necessary to preserve.

Mr. Sneed's office, at the right of the main entrance, is in front of the counting-room, and is divided from the lobby by a handsome cherry railing. The directors' room, handsomely fitted up with mantel, tiling, tables, chairs, etc., is in the rear of the banking room, and has also an independent outside entrance from Fourth street. Toilet rooms are provided, and no bank is better provided with all the essentials to the convenient and safe dispatch of business than this popular and growing company.

The basement floor of the building is occupied by the SEDALIA DEMOCRAT and is elsewhere more fully described.

The second floor is occupied by Architect W. S. Epperson and some of the M. K. & T. offices, and is a model office floor. It is approached through a handsome entrance similar to the main, and a fine staircase. The entire building is a mod-

el in every particular and will never lack the best tenants to be found, whatever other office buildings may be offered to the public.

The DEMOCRAT is glad to see the prosperity of the Equitable. It is deserved. And it is proving not only a splendid investment to the monthly contributor but a blessing to the home-builder and borrower. It is a monument to its directory, composed of Jas. H. Doyle, E. E. Johnston, W. D. Fellows, J. C. Thompson, Jno. Montgomery, J. H. Rodes, Paris, Mo., and R. C. Sneed, and particularly to its secretary and organizer, Mr. R. C. Sneed. To him a large part of the credit is due, and to him is due the splendid illustration of what can be done in a business way toward the creation of a great financial institution upon the principle of accumulating small monthly savings.

BUSINESS OBSERVATIONS:**All kinds of games at Dexter's book store.**

Go to McGowan's for fine perfumes.

Souvenir albums at all book stores. Dexter agent for Sedalia.

Don't forget to see McCarty for shoes and get a guess on the beans.

800 Gift Books Elegantly bound regular price 35c to 75, sold at 25c. Dexter's Book Store.

Dr. Hulbert S. Smith, DENTIST. Over Geo. E. Dugan & Son, East Fifth street.

James O'Brien, the leading cigar manufacturer of Central Missouri.

We try to have only polite Clerks—Come see if you do not find them so. Dexter's.

Don't forget to see McCarty for shoes and get a guess on the beans.

Etchings framed in oak. Beautiful and tasty, \$2.25 at Dexter's Book Store.

Remember we are headquarters for fine fruit. We make fruit a specialty.

P. Brandt Grocery Co.

We have sold 50,000 good white envelopes neatly printed for \$1.25 per 1000 since our announcement in the Gazette 2 weeks ago. We have 30,000 more. Call and leave your order at once and get the best bargain ever offered you.

Santa Claus masks at Dexter Book Store.

Traveling sets for gentlemen at Dexter's book store.

Good Coal at Sweets, 711 Ohio st., at \$3 a ton.

We want you to see what we have to sell. Come join the crowd. Dexter's Book store.

Toilet sets for \$1.25 at Dexter's book store.

Osburn Bros., Groceries.

Friday is our big day. L. Bahner 120 West Second st.

You can get presents from 5c to \$5.00 for single piece at Dexter's Book Store.

We will save you money if you will buy your raisins, currants, citron, orange and lemon peal of us.

P. Brandt Grocery Co.

Japanese goods only shown at Dexter's Book Store.

Dr. Hulbert S. Smith, DENTIST. Office, 116 East Fifth street.

Only a few of our \$3.00 bibles left, they are cheap at \$5.00, and a bargain at what we sell them for. Don't wait too long. Dexter's Book Store.

Tony Leece's shaving and hair dressing parlors. Bath rooms in connection. Ladies and children's hair cutting a specialty. Come all and receive a hearty welcome from me at 1120 East Third street.

Good Coal at Sweet's, 711 Ohio st., at \$3 a ton.

The world will soon be destroyed. So say some people, but do not let that stop you from buying the best coal in town at the lowest price of H. B. Wieman, 1010 East Third street. Telephone 125.

Amateur Photo Outfits at Dexter's Book Store. Complete for work \$5.00

Without a doubt P. Brandt Grocery Co. have the largest, finest selected stock of groceries west of St. Louis. Go and see for yourself; it costs you nothing.

420 Ohio St.

No albums will be carried at the prices we ask for at Dexter's Book Store.

Where can I get my

That's easily to be

Keep right on Ohio

Until you reach 31

We carry over no

goods. Must go at some price.

Dexter's Book Store.

We have every thing

old or new. Dexter's Book Store.

James O'Brien, the leading cigar manufacturer of Central Missouri.

S. C. Gold's Mammoth Furniture House, No. 118 and 120 East Third street, carries the finest line of furniture, chamber sets, parlor suits, chairs, desks, book cases, wardrobes, tables, couches, folding beds, and dining-room sets, and all kinds of furniture in central Missouri. Buy useful presents cheap from this elegant stock. He will not be undersold and better goods are not made. Call and see his immense line. It will repay your time and trouble.

PERSONALS.

Wm. Beiter is in Kansas City on business.

Miss Maud Franklin is seriously ill at her home on East Fourth.

Ex-Congressman W. J. Stone, of the Twelfth district, is in the city.

Miss Mattie Brown, of Dresden, was shopping in the city yesterday.

Mrs. B. Seggerson is quite sick at her home in East Sedalia.

Mrs. Robt. Blunt, in East Sedalia, is confined to her bed with pneumonia.

T. P. Culley, the popular representative of the Jesse French organ company, was in the city to-day.

Mrs. Mollie Gibbons and family, of East Seventh street, are visiting friends in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

General Superintendent J. J. Frey, of the M. K. & T., came in from Kansas City in his private car at 10:40 last night.

Harry Hawkins, one of the genial salesmen of the S. H. Beiler Grocery Co., came in this morning from a trip south.

Hon. Henry C. Brockmeyer passed through Sedalia yesterday afternoon, on his way south to recuperate his impaired health.

Hon. Dick Dalton, Ralls county's rat'er famous representative in the Missouri legislature, was in the city this morning.

Hon. Levi Chubbuck, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, was registered at Sicher's last night.

Van B. Wisker, the genial editor of the Pettis County Enterprise, published at Green Ridge, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. E. M. Hansard, of Mexico, Mo., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Epperson at 1605 Lamine st.

Editor Luther, of the Lamonte Record, and his friend, Mr. Bromley, also of Lamont, were welcome visitors at the DEMOCRAT office Wednesday.

C. M. Sellers and C. Wood, two of the enterprising farmers of Northern Pettis, were in the city Wednesday and visited the DEMOCRAT office.

Bud Dillard, one of our staunch democratic farmers, was on the street yesterday, the first time after a severe illness.

Scott Barney, traveling for A. A. Lamy, went to Sweet Springs this afternoon. Scott goes to Chicago in January to accept a position with the large wholesale clothing house of Work Bros.

Governor Francis passed through the city yesterday afternoon to the state capitol. He had been in Kansas City attending the meeting of the Missouri river improvement convention.

Hon. G. M. Lane, republican representative from St. Louis county in the last Missouri general assembly, passed through Sedalia at noon today, on his return home from Kansas.

Joe Bohan, late of the auditor's office, Parsons, passed through the city yesterday on his way to St. Louis, where he will secure a position in the Missouri Pacific offices.

Joe says that Bob Diggs is growing gray and walking with a cane.

Col. Dick Gentry has returned from a sojourn of several weeks in St. Louis. He reports his campaign for state treasurer

THE WEATHER.

Weather for Missouri for twenty-four hours beginning at 8 a. m. today. Fair, slight changes in temperature; warmer; southerly winds.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

We take pleasure in showing goods.

DEXTER'S BOOK STORE.

Fresh oysters and celery and the freshest and best of groceries always on hand at W. J. Lett's, northeast cor. 5th and Engineer streets.

For bargains see "My Jeweler" before you buy. Next postoffice.

We will be glad to see all our country friends and make friends of others. Come, see us anyway, if you don't need anything in our line.

DEXTER'S BOOK STORE.

Sedalia Carpet Company sells Carpets, Window Shades, Lace Curtains, &c., any size room or window, at wholesale prices. See them before you buy. Cor. 3rd and Lamine.

Sets of books, any price, Dexter's Book Store.

D. L. Shields, the hustling advance man for Cleveland's Minstrels, is registered at Sicher's.

Smoke Honkomp & Schmidt's Bouquet the best 10c cigar in the city.

See the new album at Dexter's Book Store.

Sedalia Carpet Company has a fine line of Fancy Goods suitable for Christmas presents. Come and see them.

Smoke the "Leader" cigar at Honkomp & Schmidt's.

Holcomb sells Hanging Lamps.

John Phelan, a partially blind pencil peddler, was wandering around the streets to-day endeavoring to get admission into the poor-house.

Building blocks at Dexter's Book Store. Any price.

Smoke the High Five cigar, the best 5c cigar in Missouri, at Honkomp & Schmidt.

See our Goods and compare prices. We are here, our chairs our Parlor Goods are immense. We have only one price to all; no shoddy goods on hand; only one price and best wishes to all; largest line, lowest prices. See them—buy them, for they are going fast. Dave Ramsey, 116 and 1182d st., Undertaker and Embalmer. No ice, and modern methods.

See Bon Marche dolls before you make any purchases elsewhere in this line.

Scrap books from 5c to \$3.00. Dexter's Book Store.

Call and see my line of Christmas books, children's wagons and toys all entirely new. No old ones in stock. Owen Brown, 908 East Third street.

Have you seen the Bon Marche stocking and glove darning.

Collar and cuff sets at Dexter's Book Store.

Largest and best stock. Lowest prices on all kinds of commercial printing. Call and leave your orders once and you will become a regular customer. S. M. Hodges, 119 East Second street.

Holcomb sells tricycles.

How about this? An oil painting elegantly framed for \$1.00. Dexter's Book Store.

For neat inexpensive presents try the Bon Marche, 563 Ohio st.

Holcomb sells Dolls.

Souvenir albums at Dexter's Book Store.

You never saw such a rush as we are having at present. Why? Just because we sell the best clothing for the least money. Call around and we will show you nobby overcoats, and the most stylish streets in this country.

D. David, The Clothier.

Celuloid calendars; New York City styles. Dexter's Book Store.

Holcomb sells China.

Have you seen the Bon Marche novelty mats for fancy work?

Elegant hand-painted book marks. Dexter's Book Store.

Holcomb will arrange his auction store Monday so that all can find room to be comfortable.

Dexter's book store is 40 feet longer and packed with goods.

See McGowan's useful articles for Xmas.

Read all of Dexter's book store notices. They are important.

Don't forget to see McCarty for shoes and get a guess on the beans.

Have McGowan fill your prescriptions.

Farmers, we will show you a fine line of goods at any price you want. Dexter's Book Store.

Dr. Hubert S. Smith, DENTIST, 116 East Fifth street, does all the latest methods in dentistry. Call and see him.

When you want drugs of any kind go to McGowan, 230 Ohio street.

We never were so crowded with stock. Dexter's Book Store.

Don't wait to buy if you want any Christmas candies. We have a fine line.

P. Brandt Grocery Co.

A PAIR THAT'S HARD TO BEAT!

Of all combinations that are hard to beat, the strutting turkey and the steaming pudding come pretty near being the most invincible. They are formidable aspirants for public favor in these festive days--but even

Leaders Are Occasionally Led!

AND WE WILL MATCH OUR

Grand Stock of Xmas Goods!

Its Brilliance--Its Variety--Its Elegance.

The Most Bewildering Variety Ever Shown to Make Your Purchases for the Holiday Presents!

It's Essential to Buy a Useful as Well as Ornamental Gift. We Invite the Public at Large to

INSPECT OUR GREAT LAY OUT
FOR THE COMING HOLIDAYS BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASE

WE ARE SURE TO PLEASE YOU IN OUR MAMMOTH STOCK

—IN A WORD WE ARE—

THE LEADERS IN EVERY RESPECT

ST. LOUIS CLOTHING CO.

CORNER SECOND AND OHIO STREETS.

I. FRENSDORF,

- Manager.

Holiday Weddings.

HIS RESIGNATION.

Capt. R. P. Archer Retires From Office as Secretary and Committeeman.

Capt. R. P. Archer has tendered his resignation as secretary of the democratic city central committee, to take effect this evening. Capt. Archer has made a most popular and efficient officer and has spared no effort as such to advance democratic interests. The resignation reads as follows:

No Diphtheria.

Chas. Carroll, Esq., Ch. Democratic City Central Com.,

DEAR SIR: I hereby tender to you my resignation as committeeman of the third ward and also as secretary of the city central committee to take effect on the 15th inst. My reason for this action is none other than a contemplated early removal of my residence from your city. I wish you, and the entire committee and the democratic party. Continued success. Very respectfully,

R. P. ARCHER.

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PASSING PERSONALITIES.

Hon. Mont Carnes is an enthusiastic advocate for a special session of the Missouri legislature. He does not believe in taking any risks in the electoral college. In his opinion the only absolutely safe way is to redistrict the state, the expense of doing which would be quite insignificant in comparison with the loss of a democratic president, as in 1876.

Andrew J. Reagan, who is visiting in the Dresden neighborhood, was met by a DEMOCRAT representative yesterday. Mr. Reagan was reared in Pettis county, but went west in 1852, and had never been back to Missouri until his return three weeks ago. When he left Pettis county nearly forty years ago, there was no sign of the city of Sedalia. In fact, no one had the remotest idea that such a place was to spring up out on these then almost unbroken prairies. Mr. Reagan marvels at the many changes since he left here, a mere boy.

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He will be glad to have you call and look through his Mammoth Furniture House at 118 and 120 East Third. Many useful and beautiful articles for presents can be found, and whether or not you buy it will pay you to look.

Geo. Kahr, 513 East Third St., dealer in staple and fancy groceries. Orders solicited and delivered promptly. Try me.

At FRITZ'S Art Gallery you will find the handsomest and most lovely picture frames that were ever seen in Sedalia. This is no scheme to draw custom, but a cold unvarnished fact. Call and see for yourself and make your friend a handsome Christmas present of one of those elegant frames. Come early before they are all gone.

Holcomb sells Toys.

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Of All Kinds, go to

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McLAUGHLIN BROS.,

Furniture Dealers

— and —

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PROMPT, careful service; modern methods. Night clerk at store. Arte-

rial Embalming a Specialty.

BEAUTY AND UTILITY.

What Modern Methods and Modern Men are Doing for Comfort and Pleasure.

In these days it is needless for any man to be without the little elegancies which add so much to the pleasure of life. Comfort is first, and the modern necessities are all made to provide comfort. To such a science has the manufacture of furniture been reduced that comfort, beauty, even elegance are all combined at a cost no greater than the bare necessities alone have hitherto reached.

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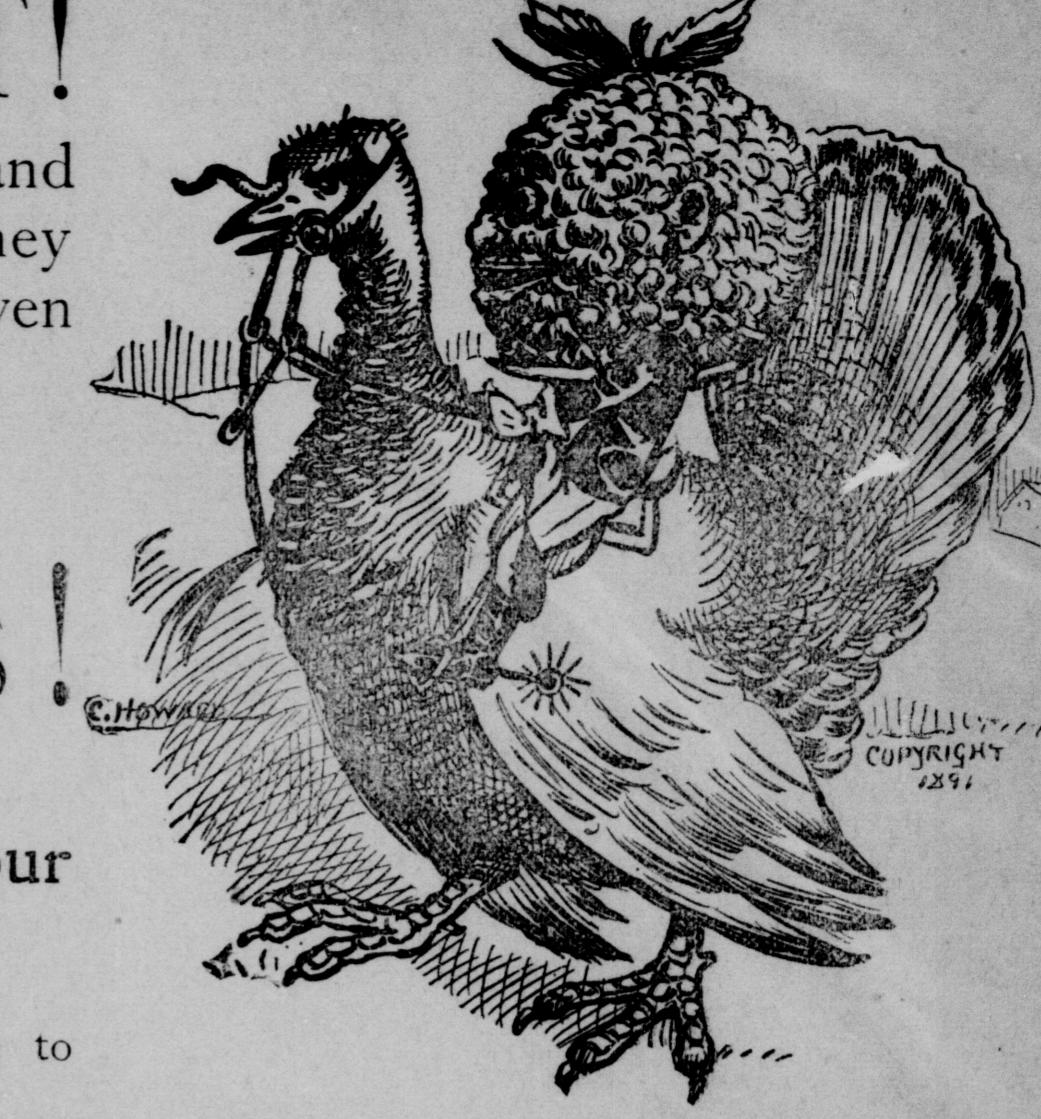
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